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1. THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED THAT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WILL JOIN WITH INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN SUPPORT OF THE ASC AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY
2. WE CONCUR IN THE 30/70 DOLLAR/ZLOTY RATION FOR PAYMENT TO FULBRIGHT LECTURES AND AGREE THAT THE RATION SHOULD BE INPLEMENTED IN FY76.
WE ALSO WOULD PREFER THAT THE RATION FOR DOLLAR/ZLOTY PAYMENT TO FARNHAM BE MAINTAINED AT THE SAME 30/70 LEVEL PROJECTED FOR ALL FULBRIGHT LECTURERS IN POLAND. IT IS MUCH EASIER FOR THE EMBASSY TO EXPLAIN A RELATIVELY HIGHER SALARY FOR FARNHAM. BASED UPON THE DUTIES TO WHICH HE IS ASSIGNED, THAN IT IS TO EXPLAIN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VARIANCE IN USG REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE DOLLAR/ZLOTY RATION IN PAYMENT TO U.S. LECTURERS IN POLAND. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO FARNHAM THAT IF HE CAME AS A REGUALR LECTURER, HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE 30/70 RATION SINCE IT APPLIES TO ALL FULBRIGHTERS.

3. IN PARA 2 OF REF B, THE EMBASSY REFERRED TO THE ANNUALIZATION OF THE SALARIES FOR THE ASC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITIONS. WE FORESEE THAT BOTH THE

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ASC DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILL BE OCCUPIED FOR

A GOODLY PORTION OF THE SUMMER MONTHS IN SEMINAR OR SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITIES GENERATED BY THE ASC, AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO BE REMUNERATED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THEY MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THE SUMMER LANGUAGE SEMINARS NOW CONDUCTED BY THE EMBASSY, BUT THIS IS A DISTINCTLY SEPARATE ACTIVITY FROM THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES OF THE ASC, WHICH THE EMBASSY ENVISAGES AS AN INTERGRAL PART OF THE REGULAR ASC PROGRAM. THE EMBASSY URGES THAT THE 18,000 DOLLAR SALARY NOW BEING OFFERED FARNHAM BE ANNUALIZED, AS WELL AS THE SALARY OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. THE ASC IS A 12-MONTH OPERATION AND WE WILL REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF EITHER THE ASC DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OR BOTH, FOR ASC-GENERATED ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

4. WE ARE DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF WILES'S WITHDRAWAL. THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, PROFESSOR EUGENE LYONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, WHO WAS PROPOSED BY CIES IN MATERIALS RECEIVED AT THE EMBASSY LAST WEEK, APPEARS TO US TO BE AN EMINENTLY WELL-PREPARED YOUNG SCHOLAR. JUDGING FROM HIS LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, LYONS WOULD SEEM TO HAVE SUFFICIENT INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE BEYOND HIS EXCELLENT PREPARATION IN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR HIM TO BE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE ASC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH LYONS AND THEN ATTEMPT TO WORK THIS OUT WITH INDIANA UNIVERSTIY, IF LYONS APPEARS INTERESTED. WARSAW ENGLISH TEACHING OFFICER MCCRADY, WHILE ON TDY IN WASHINGTON, SUGGESTED TAHT THE DEPARTMENT ALSO EXPLORE THE AVAILA)88)856 9* 049*3 94 DONALD BIGGS FOR THE ASC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION. THE EMBASSY WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCURS IN THIS SUGGESTION.

5. BECAUSE OF THE RETURN, ON A PRIVATE BASIS, OF A FORMER FULBRIGHT LINGUIST TO THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY IN KRAKOW FOR AY 1976/76, WE HAVE DECIDED TO ELIMINATE THE KRAKOW LINGUISTICS POSITION. THE DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, CAN END ITS SEARCH FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR PROFESSOR WHITE. THE EMBASSY HAS HAD A LONG-STANDING REQUEST FOR AN AMERICAN LITERATURE PROFESSOR AT LODZ UNIVERSITY. PENDING THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROFESSOR LYONS PER PARA 4 ABOVE, WE WOULD GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE PLACEMENT OF LYONS AT LODZ FOR AY 1975/76. IF LYONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR LODZ, THEN WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT CIES BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A SIMILARLY QUALIFIED AMLIT LECTURER FOR LODZ. OUR POLICY IS TO CONVER LINGUISTICS AND TEFL POSITIONS TO AMLIT AND OTHER FIELDS AS OCCASIONS ARISE, IN LINE WITH THE RICHMOND DISCUSSIONS IN WARSAW DAVIES

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